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2006 HERNDON FESTIVAL SET FOR JUNE 1-4

Big Name Entertainment, Fireworks, Carnival and More Scheduled for Annual Celebration

Herndon, VA (February 21, 2006) – The 26th annual Herndon Festival, a community-wide celebration that has earned national recognition as a premier event for families, will be held June 1-4, 2006, in and around Herndon's Municipal Center complex and historic Town Hall Square.

The four-day festival, which is produced by the Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department with assistance from area civic organizations and businesses, will feature big name entertainment on three stages, a carnival, fireworks, children's hands-on art area, arts & crafts show, business expo, 10K/5K race and fitness expo, K-9 dog walk, and an eclectic variety of top-quality food vendors.

The Herndon Festival is free and open to the public, although there is a charge for some activities. A free shuttle bus service will transport attendees to and from the festival area.

The 2006 Herndon Festival Title Sponsor is Airbus, one of the world's leading aircraft manufacturers. The company's North American headquarters office is in Herndon.

In 2005, the readers of *Family Magazine* voted the Herndon Festival as the best Festival or Celebration for Families in the Northern Virginia area. Additionally, the editors of *Recreation Management* recently recognized the Herndon Festival as one of the best organized festivals in the nation.

For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 703/787-7300 or visit

www.herndonfestival.net

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 22,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 23,500 people.

For more information, visit the Town's website at **www.herndon-va.gov**.

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